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Four cities bombed to force Iran to halt war

## Iraq pounds Tehran with more missiles

BAGHDAD, March 5, (Agencies): Iraq bombed four Iranian provincial cities today after firing more missiles at Tehran in attacks it said, would continue until Iran called a ceasefire.

It said its planes attacked Kashan, Dezful, Hamadan and Poldokhtar and hit seven other industrial or military targets. The targets were in western, southwestern and central Iran.

An Iraqi military spokesman denied an Iranian report that three of the jets had been shot down. Iran said Iraqi bombing raids killed several civilians in southwestern cities.

The Iraqi spokesman said six missiles were fired at Tehran overnight and today, the last at 1.40 pm (1040 GMT).

### Vowed

Iraq has hit the capital with about 30 missiles since Monday with the declared aim of making Iran accept United Nations ceasefire resolution 598 adopted last July.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## 31 killed in Soviet ethnic violence

MOSCOW, March 5, (AP): Ethnic violence in the southern city of Sumgait left 31 dead, the government said yesterday, and a report of at least three more deaths in another city indicated the turmoil continued to spread.

The killings in Sumgait, an industrial city 30 kms (19 miles) northwest of the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, occurred on Sunday in rioting sparked by a dispute over control of another part of the republic.

An Armenian dissident, meanwhile, reported the first deaths in the neighbouring republic of Armenia as the disturbances spread. Mosef Gorgisyan telephoned the Associated Press to say that Azeris had killed his sister and two other Armenians in the city of Kirovakan.

### Occurred

Police denied any deaths had occurred in Kirovakan, a city 60 km (37 miles) north of the Armenian capital of Yerevan.

Government spokesmen had previously denied in the Sumgait rioting, but refused to say how many had stressed that the unrest was quelled and that those responsible were arrested. A television worker in Baku had said

one or two people were killed and called this a "small number."

In reporting the 31 deaths, the official news agency Tass did not explain why it took five days for authorities to disclose the death toll. In addition, the Tass dispatch played down the ethnic motivations of the conflict by saying the victims were "members of various nationalities, old men and women." Unofficial sources had indicated the violence had clear ethnic overtones, with the dominant ethnic population in Azerbaijan, the Azeris, attacking Armenians.

Tass blamed the Sumgait rioting on "hooligan elements provoked by disorder" and also referred to those involved as "unstable, immature people, falling under the influence of false rumours about the events in Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia."

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## Libyan MiGs still in Egypt, says Mubarak

CAIRO, March 5, (Reuters): Four Libyan MiG-23 fighters which landed in Egypt on Tuesday are still in the country, President Hosni Mubarak said today, contradicting reports that they had returned home.

"These warplanes are still here," he was quoted as saying by Egypt's Middle East News Agency (Mena). "The planes will return to Libya only after being inspected by technicians," he said.

Mubarak said he had been contacted by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and other Arab leaders whom he did not name after the four Soviet-built fighter planes landed in Egypt.

He said he told them he intended to return the aircraft to Tripoli and asked them to send technicians to inspect the MiGs. He did not explain why.

"We are a civilised country, we bear no grudge against anyone and seek no bloodshed. We made sure there were no aggressive intentions and the pilots were treated well," he said.

Libya's official news agency Jana reported on Thursday that the pilots landed their jets in Egypt because they were running out of fuel and later flew them home.

"The news agency (Jana) is free to report what it wants," Mubarak said.

Mena later published the same account and, in the absence of a government statement, this was taken as Egyptian endorsement of the Jana story.

Some Egyptian newspapers had earlier reported that the four pilots defected. Mubarak did not mention the whereabouts of the pilots in his remarks.

Five Libyan servicemen were given political asylum in Egypt last year.

### Kurds killed

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, March 5, (AP): Five suspected Kurdish guerrillas were killed in a seven-hour battle with security forces in southeastern Turkey, the Hurriyet news agency reported today.

The clash yesterday began when the Kurds responded with fire to calls to surrender by security forces near Kurudere Hamlet in Dicle township, the dispatch said.

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## Troops will protect Sinhalese, pledges Jayewardene

# Landmine kills 19 in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, March 5, (Reuters): A Tamil rebel landmine killed 19 Sri Lankans and wounded 17 today in Trincomalee district, military officials said.

Officials in Trincomalee blamed guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for the explosion under a lorry at Sittaru, south of the port.

Military officials said the victims were returning home to Seruwila after weekend shopping at Kantala.

### Killings

The six women, 11 men, and two children killed were either Sinhalese — the majority in the Indian Ocean island — or Muslims. Officials said they would not know of any Tamils among the passengers.

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Shri Lanka and India signed a pact last July aimed at ending the Tamil rebellion and about 50,000 Indian soldiers were sent to the island to try to disarm the rebels and enforce the agreement.

Sri Lankan soldiers had been confined to barracks but Sinhalese refugees said they do not

have confidence in the Indian forces.

The two governments agreed in January to let Sri Lankan troops be posted in some Trincomalee villages to encourage Sinhalese and Muslim refugees to return to their homes.

### Postponed

The independent Sun newspaper said the recent spate of civilian killings by Tamil rebels could be linked to the government's new plan to resettle refugees, mostly Sinhalese, in Trincomalee.

"Their demonic objectives it appears were to terrorise the Sinhalese to flee Trincomalee," it said today.

Thirty people, including 15 at Morawewa and some Tamil

rebels, were killed in four days of violence in the northern and eastern provinces.

Jayewardene said elections for autonomous councils will be held next month in four out of the nine provinces. Those in the other five have been postponed for security reasons.

The councils, which will exercise most powers enjoyed by the government, are extended to satisfy Tamil demands for more authority in areas where they are in the majority.

Jayewardene yesterday indefinitely postponed the March 21 by-election at Homagama, south of Colombo.

Government officials said this was also because of the poor security situation.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Plane crash

JOHANNESBURG, March 5, (AP): Police suspect that a suicidal passenger detonated a suitcase full of explosives, causing a mid-air explosion that killed all 17 people aboard a twin-engine plane, newspaper reported today.

Johannesburg newspaper quoting police sources said one of the passengers aboard the turboprop plane had been heavily drunk and had taken out a 180,000-rand (\$90,000) life insurance policy shortly before the domestic flight that crashed on Tuesday.

The victims included 13 South Africans, two of them crewmen, and four European tourists — Mr and Mrs Fritz Pavandro of Vienna, Austria, and Mr and Mrs Otto Mueller of Hamburg, West Germany.

### Seoul clash

SEOUL, South Korea, March 5, (AP): Police fired tear gas today to disperse about 300 people demanding the release of all political prisoners in front of a Seoul University.

There were no reports of arrests or injuries in the 40-minute demonstration in front of Yonsei University, which started when protesters began throwing rocks and firebombs at police.

The protesters were among 1,000 people who took part in a three-hour rally inside the Christian-founded school, demanding the release of all political prisoners.

### 5 killed in Soweto

JOHANNESBURG, March 5, (Reuters): Crowds of black youths burned hearses and killed at least five undertakers' employees in Soweto after rumours that funeral firms were kidnapping children for witchcraft, undertakers said today.

"All black undertakers are being attacked," said funeral director Daniel Kopane, who lost a brother and a cousin when a crowd burned one of his vehicles and killed its three crew in Soweto, South Africa's biggest black township, yesterday.

### Monks protest

BEIJING, March 5, (Reuters): Protesters beat police and destroyed vehicles in Linzhi, Tibet, today, the last day of a Buddhist festival when hundreds of monks boycotted in protest against the Chinese authorities, an official Chinese report said.

## Pakistan wants to delay ...

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The Kabul delegates also said half the Soviet force would leave in the first three months.

Creation of an interim government, which Pakistan calls a "second track," was not on the agenda at the Geneva talks.

Pakistan says the five million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran would not feel safe to return home if the present Kabul government remained in power.

The plan would start with an international peace conference to start May 1, the official said. Negotiations on an interim stage of self-rule would begin six months later, the outcome of which would decide whether talks on a permanent settlement take place, he said.

The plan proposes limited autonomy in the occupied territories for three years. The second-stage talks would last a year.

Earlier, President Mubarak of Egypt endorsed the peace plan.

"These are encouraging proposals," Mubarak said meeting with Shultz in Cairo. Shultz's last stop in a whirlwind series of meetings.

Mubarak said the proposals would enhance "the welfare of the people in the Middle East, including the Israelis."

Shultz said earlier that under the plan, Israel would negotiate with a joint delegation of Jordanians and Palestinians over the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel also would negotiate with Syria over the Golan Heights.

"There is an attitude of a readiness to work to change things that should be taken advantage of by everybody," Shultz said yesterday. "The moment can be lost."

The PLO said today that the US peace plan was a plot intended to curb a 12-week-old Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories.

It was the PLO's first response to the US proposal.

King Hussein of Jordan concluded Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on US proposals, it was announced in Damascus today.

### Respond to peace plan within 10 days: Shultz

(Continued from Page 1)

EAST BERLIN, March 5, (Reuters): At least 60 people who applied to leave East Germany have been arrested over the past few days in several cities, church sources said today.

The arrests, in East Berlin, Leipzig, Halle and Wismar, appeared to be part of a clampdown following an upsurge in dissent meetings and protests in recent months.

## Foreigners advised to leave Lebanon

# Schray plans to stay in Beirut

BEIRUT, March 5, (Reuters): Former hostage Ralph Schray, who returned to Beirut today just two days after being freed, said today he planned to spend the rest of his life in Lebanon.

"I'm happy that I'm free. This place is my country and that's where I've lived all my life and that is the place where I'll be living all my life," said Schray, whose father is German and mother is Lebanese.

He said he did not know where he was held captive and was blindfolded some of the time but was well-treated.

"I was treated very well. I never saw any of the kidnappers, who took turns guarding me. At one time two or three would guard me but I never saw them," he told a news conference in West Beirut.

Last month Aquino's emissaries met Marcos in Hawaii after he let it be known he would be willing to negotiate for permission to return.

Aquino has said she would only negotiate with Marcos, forced into exile after a 1986 Church-backed military revolt, if he returned "what he stole from the people."

The government has accused Marcos of enriching himself during his 20-year rule by robbing the national treasury of up to \$10 billion.

Mrs Marcos said she longed to come back as a private citizen to satisfy an "obsession to uplift the poor from deprivation," and not to try to grab power from Aquino.

"It is a very frustrating situation because I see my poor countrymen in danger. They are living in poverty but you cannot do anything about it (from here)," she said, speaking in the Tagalog language of the Philippines.

Mrs Marcos occupied powerful positions in the government of her deposed husband. But in the interview she denied she was obsessed with power.

Schray was freed on Thursday and taken by Syrian troops to Damascus, where he stayed at the German Embassy.

Asked if he felt in danger of being kidnapped again in Beirut he said: "I'm not a German."

Schray read a statement in

Arabic thanking Syrian President Hafez Al Assad for "contributing to my release and my return to my family in Beirut."

Coleridge and his Syrian colleague Omar Trabulsi, were held by Palestinians for investigation.

Saad played a key role last month in freeing two UN Scandinavian relief workers 26 days after they were seized in Sidon.

Twelve days later gunmen seized US Marine Colonel William Higgins in Tyre, a few kilometres further south.

At least 26 foreigners are believed kidnapped in Lebanon.

Saad said Coleridge, 44-year-old Middle East coordinator for the British-based Oxfam Charity Group, and Trahulsi, head of its Lebanon operations, were seized on Thursday after Coleridge took pictures at the Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp.

Derrick Bleakley, First Secretary at the British Embassy, told Reuters the embassy had no confirmation of Saad's report.

The factory was near the port of Cochin in Kerala state.

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# Sheikh Sabah holds talks on uprising with PLO official

ACTING Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, yesterday conferred with visiting assistant secretary-general of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and member of the PLO's executive committee Yasser Abed Rabo on the current Palestinian popular uprising.

The meeting was attended by director of the PLO office in Kuwait Awni Battash.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters that the discussions centred on the uprising, results of the seven-man Arab League committee assigned to follow up and support the uprising and its future moves.

The committee, grouping Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia, Iraq and Palestine in addition to Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi had met at the League's headquarters in Tunis last month and set a plan to implement Arab resolutions on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The members further discussed means of supporting the uprising, including contacting Security Council members, especially the permanent ones, and various international groups and organisations to rally their support.

Sheikh Sabah expressed hopes that the Palestinian revolt would

realise its target of ending Israeli occupation of the Arab lands.

Abed Rabo said that he discussed with Sheikh Sabah developments of the Palestinian popular revolution in the occupied territories and the PLO's resolution to escalate it and to mobilise potentials of the Palestinian people within and outside the occupied homeland to ensure its continuation.

The Palestinian official said that the PLO will pursue contacts with various brothers and friends and at the Security Council to adopt effective measures to end Zionist terrorism against the Palestinian people and withdraw occupation troops from the Palestinian lands under international supervision.

He explained that the step is the only way out under prevailing circumstances.

## Contacts

Asked on reports of a near visit of PLO political department head Farouk Qaddoumi to Damascus, Abed Rabo said that contacts are underway with the Syrian leadership to prepare for a meeting at the highest level between Syria and the PLO in the few coming weeks. "From our part we hope that the efforts will entail positive results," he added.

He announced meanwhile, that the Soviet Union had told the PLO that Moscow totally rejects the ideas carried by US Secretary of State and that "they

will not support unilateral or bilateral settlements.

**Commitment**

Abed Rabo renewed the PLO's commitment to the convening of an international Mideast peace conference "the sole framework" and rejection of all unilateral or bilateral settle-

## Zanoun denounces latest American peace initiative

TUNIS, March 5, (Agencies): A prominent Palestinian official has denounced the peace initiative launched by the US Secretary of State George Shultz during his latest Mideast tour.

In an interview with Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) Deputy Speaker of the Palestine National Council (parliament-in-exile) Salim Al Zanoun described the American plan as "similar to previous initiatives to contain the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories."

Shultz, who concluded a second Mideast tour yesterday within 10 days has presented new ideas for Israeli, Jordanian, Syrian and Egyptian leaders calling for limited self-rule for the Palestinians that is followed by negotiations on a final settlement.

Zanoun, who is the representative of Fatah movement in the Gulf region, also said that the Palestinian leadership was aware of the objective of the latest American initiative and had decided that Palestinians in the occupied territories boycott Shultz.

On the exchange of missile attacks between Iran and Iraq the Palestinian official regretted the latest escalation in the Gulf war and urged Iran to respond to international calls and to put an end to the war, which is currently in its 8th year.

## Mediation

Zanoun recalled that the PLO had acted as a mediator between Iran and Iraq when the war started September 1980, but Iran then rejected that mediation.

He stressed that the PLO stands alongside Kuwait and the Arab Gulf states in face of Iranian threats.

On the US decision to close the PLO observer mission in the United Nations, Zanoun said

this decision is part of an integrated scheme to keep the PLO away from the international scene.

He added that the PLO is working with Arab and friendly countries to get their support in face of that decision and pointed out that the PLO will resort to all international forums, including the international court of justice, to defend its legitimate right.

In answer to a question on the voyage to occupied Haifa, which was planned to take deportees back to their occupied homeland last month Zanoun said the Palestinian leadership has studied the positive and negative elements of that attempt in order to plan for another trip in the near future.

## Disobedience

Meanwhile, a senior Palestinian official has said that the popular uprising in occupied Palestine, which is closing the third month this week, is likely to enter in civil disobedience in support of the national rights of the Palestinian people.

The Palestinians in the occupied territories are considering announcing civil disobedience but the leaders inside can determine when and how to take this move depending on the circumstances in full coordination and cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the PLO's political department chief Farouk Qaddoumi said.

But the PLO political architect assured a Kuwaiti newspaper in an interview conducted with him in Paris where he is currently visiting, that "the uprising will continue and extend into the future and may take additional forms and pictures."

"The situation will never be the same as it was before. The volcanic eruption is the con-

sequence of the boiling factors that interacted in the continued work for the Palestinian revolution," Qaddoumi said.

The missile war between Iran and Iraq is distracting world attention from the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, Palestinian officials said today.

"Our people revolted because of frustration at world neglect of their cause which was overshadowed mainly by the Iran-Iraq war," said Ahmed Kalash, information chief at the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) mission in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"It is unclear that after we paid dearly to eliminate the world's oil dilemma, a fresh Gulf flare-up would threaten that achievement."

## Seraya returns

DIRECTOR of the Cultural Affairs in the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Abdul Aziz Al Seraya returned here Friday night from Bahrain after participating in the GCC general cultural committee's second meeting there.

Seraya told Kuna that the officials in Bahrain's Information and Culture Ministry paid a great deal of attention to the meeting which discussed the executive programmes of cultural joint work.

The meeting distributed the programmes on the participating states and studied the regulations of these programmes and the Gulf Cooperation Council member states' commitments toward them.

The meeting will never be the same as it was before. The volcanic eruption is the con-

sequence of the boiling factors that interacted in the continued work for the Palestinian revolution," Qaddoumi said.

He said that some youngsters were harassing male and female

## KPTC taking strict measures to stop vandalism

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT Public Transport Company (KPTC) is taking strict measures to stop vandalism.

Abdul Wahab Al Haroon, the chairman and managing director of KPTC said thousands of dollars are spent by KPTC on window panes alone, broken by youngsters and other commuters.

Bus drivers are held responsible for acts of vandalism committed by passengers and have been instructed to be on the lookout for passengers involved in such acts. Al Haroon said drivers will have the cost of any damage to their buses deducted from their salaries. He added that "people who indulge in vandalism will be fined or sent to the police station."

## Harassing

Al Haroon appealed to passengers to carry the correct change in their pockets or to show their season ticket to avoid misunderstanding between themselves and the driver or conductors.

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## Changes to be made at the Health Ministry

MINISTER of Health Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq was quoted as saying that the ministry is currently undergoing a comprehensive study to change the organisational structure in the ministry.

Dr Abdul Razzaq told a Kuwaiti newspaper that he is against the implementation of the "administrative reform" by ending the services of the top officials of the ministry, noting that such a method is very tough measures against the citizens.

He pointed out that there are a number of means to achieve the administrative reform such as developing the cadres.

Abdul Razzaq, who took office last January, affirmed that the ministry will carry on developing the administrative officials, and the Kuwaiti physicians will be sent to work in the specialised services departments in the hospitals instead of administrative centres.

Criticising the psychiatric hos-

pital services in the country and describing it as "shameful", the minister indicated that the ministry will make a complete change in these services.

However, Abdul Razzaq stressed that the priority will be given to dental projects, saying that current dental services are insufficient.

Medical treatment charges in private clinics and hospitals will be reconsidered through the formation of a committee that includes the Health Ministry and the private health sector, the minister said.

Regarding medicine charges, the minister said that the issue is very complicated and needs a practical and scientific study in order to reach a suitable decision.

There will also be further restrictions on sending Kuwaiti patients abroad for treatment, the minister added, and noted that the ministry will not allow any favouritism following the setting up of the new regulations.

## Legislative development

ABDUL Aziz Al Dakheel, the Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs at Kuwait's Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, said a number of new legislative regulations were being considered as part of the overall legislative development process.

He said that the construction of the Palace of Justice, built under the directives of HH the

Amir, was an indication of the importance the government attaches to the judicial system in the country.

Al Dakheel said that a computer centre was established at the ministry in 1980 to facilitate administrative operations and microfilm was used in the Department of Real Estate Registration and Documentation.



Abdul Wahab Al Haroon

hours. KPTC is cooperating with the traffic department to stop unlicensed transport operators like vanettes and private cars, Al Haroon said.

Services will also be extended to new areas such as Amwaj, Amqara (near Jahra) and other nautical sources said today.

They were arrested aboard 14 fishing boats off the north coast of Masirah Island on the Gulf of Oman by Omani Coast Guard officers. The sources, who spoke on condition they not be named, said there were at least five men on each boat fishing. They were taken under escort to the port of Muscat for questioning.

The sources, who would not be further identified, did not give the exact date of the arrest.

It was the second time in a year that Pakistani fishing boats have been caught operating illegally in Omani waters, Pakistani diplomats confirmed today. After the last incident in May, the detainees were fined and repatriated.

"We do not yet know the exact numbers involved this time," a Pakistani embassy spokesman said. "We are still waiting for details."

## Al Jassar in Cairo

CAIRO, March 5, (Kuna): Kuwaiti Minister for Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Khalid Al Jassar, held a meeting here today with his Iraqi counterpart Abdulla

Fadil Abbas Al.

A similar meeting was held here today between Jassar and his Egyptian counterpart Mahmmad Mahjoub.

The three ministers who are participating in the Islamic call conference here, discussed matters concerning greater cooperation between their countries in the field of Islamic call and Islamic affairs.

Hospital sources were quoted as saying that the Ministry of Health and legal authorities were seeking religious consent before proceeding with the surgery, which is of particular importance because there is no precedence for such surgery in Kuwait.

The girl Radhya has selected the name Samya for herself after the operation.

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A number of articles are displayed at the charity bazaar.

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Women's Committee at the Islamic Heritage Revival Society is holding a series of lectures on Islamic values.

The first lecture was about the significance of the Islamic veil, which was presented by Sheikh Nazeem Al Mosbah. The second lecture will be on the role of Muslim women in spreading Islam and the third will be about the character of Muslim women.

The head of the cultural committee of the society, Huda Al Jasem, said the aim of the lectures was to increase Islamic awareness among women in Kuwait.

Al Jasem said the society seeks to highlight qualities of Islam and to encourage people to

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## WHAT'S ON

## THEATRE

ACT presents "An Evening of Absurdity" from March 7 to 10 at 8 pm at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. The evening consists of two absurdly comic one-act plays, The Bald Soprano by Eugene Ionesco and The American Dream by Edward Albee. A special discount will be given for all opening-night tickets. For reservations ring 5639204; 5620332; 5725071.

## Kuwait Little Theatre

KLT will perform the Vicar of Wakefield, an amusing tale by Oliver Goldsmith. Gala opening on March 14 at 7.30 pm. Repeat performances on March 15, 16 and 17 at 8.15 pm. For reservations ring 3983724.

## Rock 'n' Romance

June Stevenson and Phil Thomas of Kuwait Players present Rock 'n' Romance, a show with a romantic touch at the Regency Palace Hotel at 8 pm on March 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 at 3 pm and 8 pm on March 24. For details call 5624175, after 2pm, or 5745838.

## SOCIAL

## German-Speaking Cultural Association

The regular meeting of the association will be held today, 10 am, at the Kuwait Hilton's Old Faikha Room. All German speaking women are welcome.

## Kuwait Natural History Group

The next meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday, March 8, at the Gulf English School Salwa. An illustrated talk on "Super Conductors in Kuwait" will be given by Mr Qazi. For details phone Eric Shaw - 3718417.

## Luncheon Party

Friends of Great Ormond Street Hospital Lunch will be held on March 17, 1.30 pm, at Messilah Beach Hotel. For reservations contact 4831339; 5636675.

## Desert BBQ

Kuwait Players will hold a Desert BBQ on Friday, March 11. Organised games for children. Newcomers particularly welcome. Tel: 5330934; 5613465.

## Canadian Women's League

The next meeting will be held on March 6, 4 to 6 pm. Location of the meeting has been changed. Tel: 3718678 for further details.

## Photography Contest

Kapilkul has extended the deadline to March 31 for submitting entries for the photography contest on "Portraits of Filipinos in Kuwait". The KPK I.D. number must be mentioned on all entries. For details phone 4877793.

## Kuwait Irish Society

St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm.

## Daniella

Daniella, a Danish group, invites all Danes to a coffee morning in Kuwait Towers from 9.30 am on March 6. For details contact Marianne 3948953 or Ingelise - 3903464.

## AUB Alumni Dinner

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## Going Places

## Ruffians spoil a nice evening

By Fathima Ahmed

WHEN an Asian organiser announces a concert at "6 pm prompt" it normally means "7 pm prompt", or later if time permits. Friday's Sham-e-Gazal (An evening of ghazals) was delayed a mere 55 minutes and began after an inevitable but unacceptable apology from the organisers.

Ten minutes after the concert began, waiters were still ushering in chairs for people lined up around the walls. The concert was a sell-out.

Jagjit and Chitra Singh are crowd pullers. Then, why did the organisers invite people they could not accommodate? Two ladies, invitees of an Indian diplomat, were unceremoniously removed from their seats — only to be "relocated" after an embarrassing wait.

Everything was forgiven and forgotten as the dulcet notes of music floated after Jagjit launched the concert with Bashir Mazhar's ghazal "Socha nahin achhi bura...". It couldn't be a more appropriate beginning to the concert.

## Cool!

The audience was in "perfect disarray" thanks to the "perfect taste" of tea. At the expense of insulting the artists on stage — and spoiling a perfect evening — a group of distasteful people disturbed the serious listeners with shameful catcalls and disparaging remarks.

The hotel security and the organisers deserve credit for throwing out the miscreants and restoring peace in the second half of the concert. Such jarring notes spoiled what could have been an evening of musical harmony.

Jagjit Singh — the performer — took all this in his stride, controlling the irate audience with a soft smile and innuendoes. A lesser performer would have lost his cool. And Jagjit's deep, rich voice was a balm for many a wracked nerve.



An ideal team: Jagjit Singh (left) and flautist Rono Mukherjee.

The noted ghazal singer presented a few numbers from his latest compact disc Beyond Time, recently recorded and released in London. Pakistani poetess Ishrat Afreen's ghazal "Pathan beech aico rakna kitna mushkil hai..." and "Yeh bhi yehrehsaan kam ha dekhya naam aap ka ho raha taraf."

The singing duo were relaxed even as they launched into frivolous — but rhythmic — numbers to Punjabi. This seemed to delight a section of the audience, who apparently did not appreciate the more serious, soulful music.

## Diction

Jagjit sensed the mood of the disruptive section of the audience and indulged in musical banter yodelling Punjabi geet. His next number "Huzoor aapka eharam karta hoo — idhar se guza tha salam karta chalun" (Sir, I respect you. I was passing by and stopped for you...) was a below the belt blow, which went above the heads of the audience. It was a particularly sober number rendered uninhibitedly by the

successful crooner. Jagjit's rendition is par excellence. His diction is near perfect. Jagjit's voice teases the listener as he playfully changes dictioo from soft to sharp — but never shrill — stressing words for just the right impact.

The singer has acquired a deep-throated voice, very reminiscent of the late singer Saigal. Touches of Saigal's dictioo gave an appealing lift to Jagjit's renditioo.

Jagjit was ably supported by his orchestra — Rono Mukherjee on flute (one could have listened to Rono's hansuri for the entire night). The flautist evoked a feeling of fresh pastures and calm waters flowing effortlessly. He proved to be a good partner for the enthusiastic performer, Jagjit. Other orchestra members were Sandip Sen (tabla) and Surendra Sharma (Santur).

That the sound system played havoc and screeched unceasingly, much to the annoyance of the audience and the singer, is another matter. Each time the singer wanted

the sound adjusted, which was barely audible to the people in the back rows, it went berserk with a high pitched screech, drowning the singer's voice.

Though the audience was far from satisfied with the selection of the ghazals (as Jagjit said later "It is difficult to please everyone"), Jagjit and Chitra managed to bring down the house with such numbers as "Balle halle"; "Yeh daulat hhi lailo"; "Tujhko daryा dil ki kasam saqiyā" a take off on that ageless ghazal "Rukh se parda hatade zara saqiyā" and "Kurtamalmaida". The best of the lot was undoubtedly the deeply emotional number that rounded off the evening. "Dard se mera daaman bharde, ya Allah", a number that cried out for understanding and peace, rendered with much conviction by Jagjit Singh.

## Sound

The evening would have lasted longer if some diplomats had not left the Grand Ballroom at the peak of the concert. This seemed to annoy the artist, who quipped: "Does this mean the concert has ended?" A good sport that Jagjit is, he calmed his petulant wife, and continued good-naturedly.

In an interview yesterday Jagjit said he was "unhappy with the sound system." Having performed in all major cities around the world, the singer found "sound technicians in Kuwait were inexperienced and the worst." This was a technical fault that could have been avoided by proper planning.

And diplomatically Jagjit parried queries about the misbehaviour of a section of the audience saying: "They were controllable. Such behaviour is to be expected in large gatherings."



(L-R) Surendra Sharma, Sandip Sen and Chitra Singh pictured at the concert.

## ACT's evening of absurdity

TICKETS are going well for ACT's production of "An Evening of Absurdity" which opens on Monday night at the Mousetrap Theatre. Tickets for performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are still available (for details What's On column). Two-one act plays — The Bald Soprano and An American Dream will be staged by the ACT, who are now experimenting with the theatre of the absurd. The production team, including producer Nancy Parker, are confident of entertaining the audience. "We have all freaked out. I'm certain the audience will love it," said Nancy. Right : Barbara Goudi, Mohammad Abueljehain, Debbie Turner and Scott Hoss rehearsing for "An American Dream".

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## CINEMA TODAY

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Al Maarat Wal Kanoon (Arabic)

Starring: Shirwan, Farouk Fishawi, Majeda

## Al Samiya

Jumping Jack Flash

Starring: Whoopi Goldberg

## Al Hamra

Rajul Ft Ayoun Imraa (Arabic)

Starring: Ilham Shahin, Hatem Zulficar

## Drive-In

Al Rajul Yahub Marratain (Arabic)

Ahmad Drive-In

Carioga Tiger

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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

AN INVASION OF ARMIES CAN BE RESISTED, BUT NOT AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME — Victor Hugo, French writer (1802-1885).

## Mitterrand's silence upsets rightists

By Claire Rosenberg

**PARIS.** (Reuter): Socialist President François Mitterrand's refusal to say whether he will run in France's presidential election is infuriating right-wing candidates and causing a stir over how the country will be governed after the vote.

Mitterrand, clear favourite in opinion polls, must officially declare his candidacy by April 5. The two-round contest is scheduled for April 24 and May 8.

The president said he would clarify his position after the summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation which ended on Thursday in Brussels.

He and conservative Prime Minister Jacques Chirac put up possibly their last united stand abroad at the meeting since being forced to share power in March 1986 — an experiment the French call "cohabitation".

Rumours abound on when Mitterrand will finally announce his intentions and what he will say.

His two main challengers, Chirac and former Prime Minister Raymond Barre, have found it tricky to campaign against a ghost candidate.

Analysts say Chirac is annoyed by Mitterrand's statements that he is keeping silent to hold the state above the campaign hurly-burly for as long as possible.

## Popularity

Mitterrand, 71, has enjoyed growing popularity since the defeat of his Socialist Party in 1986 parliamentary elections forced him to share power with Chirac and a centre-right majority in the National Assembly. He has since adopted the mantle of a head of state above political allegiances.

Conservative leaders have been dropping their cautious approach to Mitterrand's undisclosed presidential bid.

Chirac this week told a political rally that Mitterrand was "a shadow, and it is difficult to do battle with a shadow."

## Nationalism divides Soviet Baltic republics

By Mark J. Porubcansky

**TALLINN, USSR.** (AP): Cultural differences and national pride distinguish Russian from Estonian, and divide parents from children in Estonia, home of a small ethnic group caught between stronger neighbours for centuries.

Last August, in an event that divided the authorities they had lost control, thousands of people marked the anniversary of a secret agreement between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union that led to the 1940 Soviet takeover of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Soviet authorities now are encouraging the republics' growing non-Baltic populations to learn the native language and some cases are seeking to restrict immigration from other parts of the Soviet Union.

People of the Baltic nations, very different ethnically from the Soviet Union's dominant Slavic population, always have maintained a strong cultural and ethnic identity.

One of the Estonian dissidents is 21-year-old Tine Hallik, daughter of faithful Communist Party members.

"People think if I'm free, if I'm not in prison or slave labour camp, then maybe I can do a little something. But nothing is getting done. Nothing changes," said Ms. Hallik.

## Isolate

"If they try to isolate every one (of the group) the people will come out because they will have heard something is happening," she said.

Recently, Ms. Hallik's 55-year-old mother, Klara, was among writers, scholars and officials from the Baltic republics taking part in a panel discussion of national problems organised for foreign reporters by the government news agency Novosti.

Klara Hallik discounted the importance of nationalism as a problem in Estonia. She and other panel members drew a distinction between nationalism and cultural differences.

Her daughter said she respects her mother's views but that they sharply disagree. Superiors at work and the KGB have put

## Standoff between Washington and Noriega

## Panama presents US with a foreign policy dilemma

**NEW YORK.** (Reuter): How can a superpower deal with a hostile government in a tiny but strategic nation whose military leader is supported by some of its worst enemies?

The standoff between Washington and Panama's de facto ruler, General Manuel Antonio Noriega, confronts the Reagan administration with one of its most difficult foreign policy dilemmas.

Having ruled out military intervention, Washington's options appear limited to the use of economic warfare to protest against Noriega's rule.

## Smuggling

But veteran foreign analysts and Panama watchers say even economic sanctions, such as a proposed trade embargo to press Noriega to step down, could backfire.

Barring a military coup, most expect Noriega to cling to power indefinitely.

So far the general, a cunning former intelligence chief, has had

only limited success in depicting himself as a victim of US aggression and meddling in Panama's internal affairs.

Cuba, Nicaragua and Libya are the only countries to have sided with Noriega since Florida grand juries indicted him in February on charges of drug smuggling and racketeering.

But former US ambassador to Panama Ambler Moss and other analysts say a trade embargo could lead other countries and nationalistic Panamanians, to cry foul over the heavy-handed tactics of the "colossus of the north."

"There have been some very irresponsible statements on the part of some legislators," Moss said of calls in the US Congress for an embargo and other sanctions against Panama.

"This is precisely what Noriega needs," he said, referring to the general's efforts to stir up anti-American sentiment. "Noriega wants a David and Goliath situation."

Moss also said that "a trade embargo could be considered a violation of the Panama Canal treaties," under which the United States is required to acquire goods and services from Panama.

Of Washington's backing for Eric Arturo Delvalle, the Panamanian president ousted by the military-dominated National Assembly last week, Moss said it put the Reagan administration "in the difficult position of recognising a government that doesn't really exist."

"You can't go on supporting the deposed government forever, and in Latin America nobody ever does," Moss said.

He predicted that US efforts to enforce Delvalle's call for an international ban on business transactions with Panama would "begin to wear thin" within a few days.

In the meantime, he said, threats to withhold payments to the Panamanian government from the US-operated Panama

Canal could play directly into Noriega's hands by giving him "the issue to shore up his own popularity."

Moss, who served as ambassador to Panama from 1978-1982, and William Jorden, ambassador from 1974-1978, agreed the only quick-fix solution would be a move within Panama's military to oust Noriega.

"It's the only outcome which could unseat Noriega," Moss said of a barracks revolt.

## Downfall

Jorden said: "I believe that finally the solution is going to come from the people in the Panamanian (defence) forces. I think that's a fairly logical solution."

As an incentive for moves against Noriega, Moss suggested Washington should offer aid for future military civic action projects, coupled with an economic recovery package and debt relief.

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Noriega's downfall and get Panama moving back toward democracy after more than 18 years of open or behind-the-scenes military rule.

"This is an internal Panamanian problem that has to be solved there," Moss said.

Asked about a trade embargo, which Senate Republican leader Robert Dole has called for within 30 days, a State Department official who requested anonymity said such a move could be counterproductive.

"A sledgehammer approach can be almost as harmful as not doing anything at all," the official said.

## Bankrupt

Eva Loser of the Centre for Strategic International Studies, a Washington-based think tank, also advised against further US sanctions on Panama.

"It's playing with fire to further destabilise a chaotic situation," he said.

All agreed that, even without further US measures, Panama's

state of near-bankruptcy would put tremendous pressure on Noriega in the weeks ahead. With a still weak and divided domestic opposition, the general may be able to weather the storm round him.

"Noriega's days are numbered but don't ask me what the numbers are," Loser said.

Ruben Blades, Panamanian superstar singer, charged in a recent *Reader* interview that the US grand jury indictments of Noriega were "politically-motivated" and stemmed from Panama's policy of non-intervention in Nicaragua.

The Reagan administration supports the Contra rebels battling Nicaragua's leftist government.

"I'm not defending the military dictatorship in Panama," Blades said. But echoing many Latin American leftists, he said Washington turned against Noriega only because he was "impossible to control to favour US interests."

set the agenda for the summit going into the Moscow talks."

Reagan and Gorbachev hope to conclude an agreement there to halve their respective stockpiles of strategic nuclear weapons.

This agreement would follow the treaty they signed at their Washington summit last year banning Intermediate-range Nuclear Missiles (Irms).

The Nato summit produced an allied agreement that the next step in improving East-West relations was negotiations on redressing the conventional imbalance in Europe.

From the first moments of the summit to its end, Reagan repeatedly tried to calm another fear — that the United States might desert Nato in its quest for accommodation with the Soviet Union.

Prior to the two-day Nato meeting in Brussels, there was speculation that the alliance might be split by bickering over how and when short-range nuclear weapons primarily based in West Germany should be modernised.

These fully accord with our consistent policy to seek, through high-level dialogue, early and substantial progress with the Soviet Union on a full range of issues..." the Nato allies said.

## Alternative

At the same time, Reagan and his summit partners moved to keep a Soviet campaign for nuclear disarmament from swaying European public opinion and giving Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev a political advantage.

Reagan and Gorbachev set for a fourth round of negotiations at a Moscow summit expected to take place in May.

"By maintaining credible deterrence, the alliance has secured peace in Europe for nearly 40 years. Conventional forces alone cannot assure this," the Nato declaration said.

## Convincing

"It sounds more convincing when you say that on European soil. It gives the alliance a psychological boost," said a White House official assessing what Reagan had accomplished.

This official, who spoke on condition that he not be identified, said the summit "basically

## Kissinger was a master manipulator

## Shultz favours secrecy

By Jim Anderson

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM.** (UPI): Henry Kissinger and George Shultz are both men who have held the office of Secretary of State and who have conducted Middle East shuttle diplomacy. That's where the similarity ends.

Kissinger was a master manipulator who understood how the dozen or so reporters in the back of his airplane could be used as a sounding board or a bulletin board who could send unofficial messages to the leaders he was trying to influence.

A dozen news stories from reporters on the Kissinger plane beginning "a senior US official warned today ..." was a device that got the attention of his negotiating partners.

If those partners complained about the public pressure, Kissinger could always shrug and mumble something about the propensity of journalists to fabricate. But the message got through.

Shultz takes the exact opposite view. He considers secrecy to be equivalent to seriousness in diplomacy.

As he put it, aboard his airplane, "I think the best thing I can do, as far as maximising the

prospects of getting anywhere, is not to talk very much about it."

And so he clammed up, as the frustrated reporters aboard his plane peppered him with questions that were all variations on the same theme: What are you trying to put together on this mission?

This is a lengthy explanation for the paradox that the reporters who are closest to Shultz is up to.

The flaw in Shultz — those who travel with him — are furthest away in terms of knowing what Shultz is up to.

The flaw in Shultz's method of operating is that there is no shortage of leaks from other people — the Jordanians, the Egyptians and the both sides in the divided Israeli government.

## Leaks

Some of these leaks and plants are flat wrong. If he had met all the PLO leaders that the Israeli rumours said he was going to see, he would not have time for anything else, including sleeping.

Nevertheless, the general shape of Shultz's plan for breaking the stalemate in the Middle East is beginning to emerge, little by little.

It is essentially the same technique that Shultz used in his earlier profession as a mediator in labour-management talks. There, too, he had an unbending insistence on absolute secrecy.

Israel and the Arabs. The Palestinians would take part as members of a joint delegation with Jordan.

Working under a deadline of about six months, the two sides would put together an interim arrangement for the occupied territories, a system of limited self-rule that would run for three years and would be followed by the Palestinians choosing their own leaders and a more permanent form of autonomy.

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Then those political leaders have to go back to their "constituencies" — their electorate, their parliament, their military and their advisers — and negotiate with them on how to modify their positions in order to keep the Shultz mission alive.

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## Anxious days for suspected Israeli collaborators

The self-declared unified national leadership of the uprising, backed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), has praised the lynching of an alleged collaborator in the West Bank village of Khatayeh last week.

**Shot**

Mohammed Al Ayad drew an Israeli-licensed gun, shot dead a four-year-old boy and wounded 13 people when an angry crowd surrounded his house. Villagers lynched Ayad and hanged his naked, bleeding body from an electric pylon.

Palestinians, as well as an Israeli officer, said Ayad had been working with Israeli intelligence.

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# Can exercise really shorten your life span?

By Jenny Hope

THERE'S some heartening news for people who hate exercise. It may not be very good for you. In fact, according to a leading American researcher, exercise might actually shorten your life.

This is, of course, very good news indeed to the devotees of armchair sport and all those of a lazy disposition who have been zealously broadcasting recent report of the side-effects of excessive exercises.

It is not, however, such good news to doctors who have spent their lives lecturing us on the benefits of modest exercise.

For in one fell swoop, this dramatic finding could change our attitude towards 'healthy' living forever.

It was while working on a complex and highly sophisticated series of experiments into people's life spans, at the University of Texas, that Dr Roger McCarter happened across a phenomenon he is now calling the Rate of Living Theory.

Basically, his highly provocative initial results indicate that eating whatever you want and exercising minimally increases longevity.

It's a theory that suggests we are all genetically allocated the ability to burn up a finite predetermined number of calories during our life; in other words, that our metabolic rates are somehow set to eat up only so much energy and then literally burn out.

Dr McCarter now believes the amount of exercise undertaken during a lifetime could speed up — or delay — the process.

'If you use those calories quickly by having a high metabolic rate, such as one has while exercising, then it could shorten your life span,' he said.

The rate of living theory has intrigued scientists for decades.



Ageing occurs at a rate linked to our personal body clocks but how much time we are each given — and what mechanism controls the span — remains a mystery.

Obviously external factors

such as environment, stress, nutrition and exercise have an effect and experts are now beginning to analyse their impact on our metabolic rate.

The research being conducted in highly sophisticated laboratories at the Health Science Centre at the University of Texas should make an important contribution to establishing the role of metabolic rate on longevity.

The experiment is aimed at examining the lifetime behaviour of rats in a carefully controlled environment. Some are allowed to eat at will without exercising; others which eat only 60 per cent of the other groups intake are encouraged to exercise.

Similarly, Dr Ronald Maughan, of Aberdeen University's Department of Environmental Medicine and Occupational Medicine, is sceptical. Dr Maughan, who concentrates on the physical and biological responses to exercise, said: 'There is no evidence to show any particular part of the body does anything but benefit from exercise.'

Admit

Both men admit they must declare an interest. Dr Maughan is taking part in an experiment which involves him running 90 miles a week and says he has enjoyed running as exercise for 20 years while Dr Newsholme, 52, runs six days a week and has completed 32 marathons.

They stand four square in the pre-exercise camp, arguing that accumulated scientific evidence over the last 20 years has demonstrated its beneficial effects on health, particularly

in the prevention of cardiovascular disease. Heart disease, the biggest killer on both sides of the Atlantic, claims 180,000 lives a year in Britain.

But at the same time there is a growing consensus that excessive exercise is detrimental to both short-term and, possibly, long-term health. The intense training schedules of Olympic and professional athletes are putting the human body under unparalleled stress.

A meeting recently of the American Association for the Advancement of Science heard how male marathon or Olympic runners were being made sterile by the sport and women college athletes were suffering infertility. The effects were reversible but only by training less hard.

Over-jogging has been associated with hyperthermia, which is prolonged raised body temperature, causing collapse and even convulsions and death.

A phenomenon called sports anaemia has been identified in women who train intensively.

Symptoms include weakness, fatigue, iron deficiency and stunted growth in girls. And there are many more short-term problems.

Even so, it appears the wicked still cannot be allowed to rest. An Italian proverb claims: 'Bed is a medicine.' Yet prolonged 'rest' causes problems. Calcium is lost, muscles waste and heart function declines.

According to one American report, three weeks of pronounced inactivity results in physical decline equal to 30 years of ageing.

The best answer the experts can supply to the exercise dilemma is a compromise.

Although experts like Dr

Newsholme, who is investigating the effects of exercise on mood, advocate exercise as having an important part to play in people's health and sense of well-being, they are far from united on the optimum level. At least 30 minutes of exercise three times a week is an oft-quoted rule of thumb.

"The French," says Fran-



## Running takes toll on fertility

MARATHONS can make men sterile, scientists reported recently. The harder they run, the thinner they become and the lower their sperm count.

The brain responds to the stress by damping down the reproductive system, cutting supplies of the male sex hormone testosterone, the American Association for the Advancement of Science was told.

But the good news is that the effect is reversible: when the runners slow down and put on weight, their fertility returns.

"Infertility has been recorded in men who are marathon or Olympic runners," Professor Rose Frisch of Harvard Medical School told the association's annual conference.

The effects on women are similar. Intensive exercise and extreme weight loss renders female college athletes infertile, said Professor Frisch.

However, their periods return after six months' rest and they suffer no long-term

problems. They go on to have the average number of babies.

Exercise in childhood and at college protects women against cancer, Professor Frisch added. Women who had not been athletes at college have 2.5 times the rate of cancers of the reproductive system as those who had, and twice the rate of breast cancer, she has found.

In both men and women who take intensive exercise and are excessively lean the hypothalamus, the gland at the base of the brain, alters its signal to the pituitary gland, which puts out the sex hormones necessary for egg maturation in women and sperm production in men.

Pulses from the hypothalamus become irregular. In women, this causes a complete shutdown of the reproductive system. The effect on men is more gradual and less severe: only the leanest, longest, and fastest runners become sterile.

Professor David Cumming of Alberta University tested the effects on men by persuading 20 sedentary Canadians in their twenties to run 25 miles a week.

"If you drop body fat and

weight sufficiently, and increase exercise sufficiently, you do have some obvious reproductive effects."

"Runners who have a low body weight and high mileage have a reduction in the number of sperm and appear to have fertility problems."

The reason women lose their fertility more easily probably dates back to pre-historic times, according to Professor Frisch. If a mother had not stored enough body fat to sustain her baby during pregnancy and feed it afterwards, the baby would die.

A woman's body is about 20 percent fat by the time she stops growing, and she needs it to have babies. Pregnancy uses up 50,000 calories a day, and lactation 1,000.

If a 5 ft. 5 in. woman falls below 101bs, she will not ovulate. If she wants to get pregnant, she'll have to gain weight," said Professor Frisch.

If you want to get pregnant, you have to stop exercising for about six months until your weight and relative fatness returns to the right range."

## Fitness buffs cause mineral water boom

coise Lambroschini of the Chambre Syndicale des Eaux Minérales, "select their mineral waters with the same care as they do their cheeses."

French attention to water dates back to the Romans, whose armies, during their rule of Gaul 2,000 years ago, discovered the springs. Vestiges of Roman spas can still be found at Badoit, Vittel, and Perrier.

In modern times, interest in mineral spas found favor with royal courts during the 17th century. Spa-going peaked in the late 1800s and became especially popular among French colonists returning from stays in poorer, less sanitary parts of the world.

Urbanization has helped to develop greater demand for bottled water in France in the 20th century. Many Parisians,

for instance, refuse to drink from the tap. They abhor chlorine which is obligatory in treating city water.

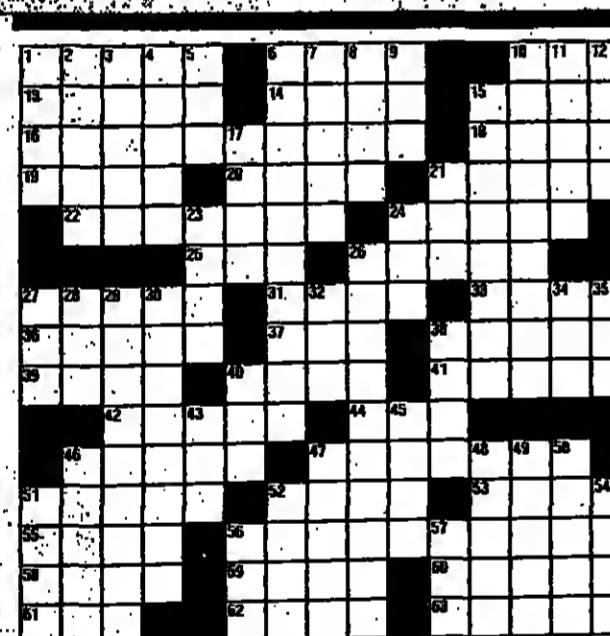
An additional plus for the bottled-water industry was the replacing of glass with plastic containers. Consumers appear to prefer the lighter, disposable packaging and are buying more units as a result.

Not until 1968, however, did water companies begin making huge financial investments in their water campaigns. Three parent groups, Perrier and its major competitors, Evian and Vittel (which combined, reap a total of \$365 million a year), now control 95 percent of the market.

Perrier, of course, has triumphed in the United States market with its bulbous green bottles.

The Christian Science Monitor

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS:**  
1 Degrade  
6 Get one's ankles wet  
10 NE capital  
13 Cleansing agent  
14 Chilled champagne  
15 Kind of opera  
16 Crucial point, with "The"  
18 Near Group Island  
19 Clinton's canal  
20 Calculates  
21 "Come in!"  
22 Calms  
24 Prairie schooner  
25 Part of MPH  
26 Antitoxin  
27 Cinders  
31 Requires  
33 Words of comprehension  
36 Backbone  
37 First lady  
38 Working  
39 Pureed spread  
40 Glacial ridge  
41 Mobile home?  
42 Light browns  
44 Helm dir.  
46 Rascal  
47 Petrol's cousins  
51 Indonesian fabric  
52 Costa  
53 Bristle  
55 Poker pot  
56 Like some sala prices  
58 Durocher and namesakes  
59 Tennis VIP  
60 Suit fabric  
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5 Outer: Prefix  
6 Untamed environment  
7 Corrosives  
8 Family rooms  
9 Dutch charms  
10 Cheers!  
11 Like a cereal grass  
12 Branch  
15 Optimistic  
17 Partner  
21 Something to lend  
23 Part of a church  
24 Give one's hand to  
28 Puckered material  
27 African cobra  
28 Baden Baden,  
  
**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
TWO WAYS TO SKIN A CAT

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**

♦ Q 8  
♥ A K 10 2  
♦ A 9 2  
♣ A Q 10 2

**EAST**

♦ 10 7 6 4  
♥ Q 7 5 4  
♦ 8 7  
♣ 6 4 3

**SOUTH**

♦ A 2  
♥ 8 6  
♦ K Q J 10 6 5 3  
♣ 8 5

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠

Pass 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥

Pass 5 ♦ Pass 6 ♦

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

An innocent overcall by East paved the way for declarer to make a contract that would probably have been defeated otherwise. A lead-directing double at the other table proved as revealing.

North's powerful auction allowed South to judge that his spade control justified bidding slam. He was a little surprised to find that North did not have a singleton spade, but he showed good technique in landing his slam.

Had there been no interference

bidding and assuming a normal red-suit lead, declarer would probably have relied upon two club finesse for his slam, with disastrous results. But since hot black-suit kings were marked off-side by the overcall, declarer found a far more appealing line of play. He followed low from dummy and won with the ace. After drawing a trump in hand, declarer cashed the ace-king of hearts and ruffed a heart. He got back to the table with a trump and ruffed the last heart. Now he exited with a spade to the queen. In with the king, East had a choice of losing options—he could either lead a spade and concede a ruff-sluff, allowing declarer to get rid of his club loser, or lead into dummy's club tenace.

At the other table East doubled six diamonds for a club lead, but it helped not a whit. Declarer won the club lead with the ace, drew trumps, cashed the high hearts and ran all his trumps. That produced a three-card ending where declarer held A-2 of spades and a club, and dummy had Q-9 of spades and the queen of clubs. Since East had to keep the guarded king of spades, he was forced down to the bare king of clubs. Declarer tucked him in with the club, forcing a spade lead away from the king into the combined tenace. Declarer lost only a club trick.

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### THE WIZARD OF ID

SEVEN CLOCK AND TIME FOR THE WEATHER

...THE WEATHER IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MIGHTY, ALL-POWERFUL WIZARD

WHO OWNS THE ONLY BAROMETER IN TOWN



By Johnny Hart

WHAAAAAH

WHAT'S WRONG WITH JUNIOR?

HE'S CRYING 'CAUSE HE CAN'T GO SKIING.

TAKE THEM OUTSIDE, THEN PUT THEM ON, STUPID!

### YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The prospects are good but you must not allow your emotions to get out of hand. Make sure you are not late for a lunch date. You will be able to deal with some small tensions. Be moderate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You will be able to improve your social life.

You will not always be in the best of moods.

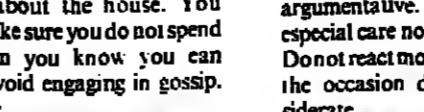
Avoid being all too selfish.

Be more responsive.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will find it a little harder to make up your mind. There will be some puzzling aspects to the situation. Avoid doing anything rash or on the spur of the moment. Be objective.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You are inclined to be a little too argumentative.

You should take especial care not to fall into a trap.

Don't react more vehemently than the occasion demands.

Be considerate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

The situation is rather involved so try to see things from different perspectives.

Do all you can to calm your nerves.

Leave yourself more room for manoeuvre.

## SNIPPETS

**Deposit \$75,000 ... if you want to retire in the Philippines**

FOREIGNERS seeking to retire in the Philippines must deposit from \$50,000 to \$75,000 each with accredited banks and convert this into investment after six months, the immigration commission said recently.

Foreigners 50 years old and above must put up \$50,000. Those between 40 to 49 must deposit \$75,000.

The retirees will enjoy tax exemptions on their pensions from abroad.

Retired military personnel of foreign governments recognised by the Philippines, Filipinos who have acquired citizenship in another country and former members of the diplomatic corps who had served for at least three years will have to deposit \$50,000 to enjoy the retirement programme, the immigration commission said.

### \$529 million World Bank loan for Philippines

THE World Bank will lend the Philippines additional loans totalling \$529 million to enable the country to meet its financial requirements and support various development projects.

These loans consist of \$175 million for the housing sector reform, \$150 million for the government corporate reform, \$144 million for the Bacon-Manito geothermal project and \$60 million for irrigation.

### Senate to probe \$50m power plant mystery

THE Senate Blue Ribbon (fact-finding) committee is looking into a possible multimillion dollar irregularity in a government plan in 1979 to boost the power capacities of electric cooperatives through the purchasing and installation of mini-hydro powerplants.

In a committee bearing the other day it was reported that the Philippine government got loans amounting to \$50 million from China, France, and England to buy mini-hydro plants from these countries.

Out of 213 units, only 35 reportedly have been installed.

### Marcos bills still legal tender

CENTRAL Bank Deputy Governor Gabriel C. Singson announced that the P100 bills bearing the signature of deposed President Marcos and the late CB Governor Gregorio Licoaros with "Ang Bagong Lipunan" legend are legal tender.

He stressed that currency notes do not cease to be legal tender just by the mere fact that the signatories therein are no longer in office or are already dead.

They cease to be legal tender only when called in for replacement or retirement in accordance with law.

To date, the Central Bank has not called in such notes for replacement, Singson said.

Any existing notes of this series now in the possession of banks and the public and are legal tender, Singson added.

The CB said only unfit notes are withdrawn from circulation.

### Help Aquino against coups, advises Marcos

FORMER President Ferdinand Marcos called on the Filipino people to join hands in helping the Aquino government block all forces of communism and coup plotters.

In a 12-minute talk from Honolulu with radio station DZWX, Marcos asked the public to strengthen the government. He was interviewed over radio programme "Bombo Radyo Banan" hosted by Jimmy Lozano and Macky Magpili in Baguio City.

### Sparrows' scaring eagles

DAVAO CITY — The eagles on Mt. Apo here are scared of the sparrows'.

This has been noted at the Philippine Eagle Conservation Project (PECP) in Baracatán, Toril district, where the big rare birds are harassed by frequent gunfire of New People's Army rebels who are reportedly roaming in bands in the area.

## Aquino gives Ramos clean bill of health

PRESIDENT Aquino defended Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos against charges of service inexperience and involvement in plots against her.

She dismissed suggestions that Ramos, armed forces chief of staff for two years, had at one point plotted to overthrow her and said he had repeatedly proven his loyalty by blocking coup attempts.

"As far as I am concerned, Ramos has proven himself, not only now but also in the past, especially in his abiding by the constitution," Aquino told reporters after a Cabinet meeting.

Ramos is generally regarded as

one of Aquino's key backers and has crushed three armed uprisings by the military as well as other coup plots.

Some Army officers, seeking in congress to block his appointment as defence secretary, accused him of corruption and lacking combat experience.

Last week, the wife of a detained senior Navy officer, Captain Rex Robles, challenged Ramos to deny his involvement in a 1986 plot codenamed "God Save The Queen," which allegedly included plans to kill leftist government officials and reduce Aquino to a figurehead presidency in a military junta.

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### Ramos' accuser under probe

THE wife of a Navy captain linked to at least two coup attempts and the assassination of a leftist labour leader is under investigation for breach of national security.

Gen. Renato S. de Villa, AFP chief of staff, said Marilyn Robles, wife of Navy Capt. Rex Robles, may be in possession of classified documents that "not even ranking military officers who don't have anything to do with certain operations may see."

"We are investigating the matter," de Villa said. "I have already assigned somebody to take care of it."

De Villa was referring to a sup-

posed "top secret" military report Mrs. Robles showed reporters recently. The document, according to her, detailed a coup plan codenamed "Oplan Camia" which, she said, Defence Secretary Fidel V. Ramos was involved in when he was still armed forces chief of staff.

Mrs. Robles showed reporters the cover of the document marked "top secret," but not its contents.

Mrs. Robles said the plan is similar to the "God Save the Queen" plot allegedly spearheaded by officers of the Reform the AFP Movement (RAM) in November 1986. The plot involved assassinating officials perceived as leftists, installing a military junta, and reducing President Aquino to a mere figurehead of "queen."

Mrs. Robles said she took the documents from her husband's safe after the National Bureau of Investigation implicated him in the Nov. 13, 1986 murder of leftist labour leader Rolando Olalia and his driver.

The labour department must speed up its efforts to set up the

### Mystery of the golden Buddha

## Marcoses named in \$60 billion lawsuit

HONOLULU: Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda, have been named in a \$60 billion lawsuit that accuses them of stealing a one-ton Buddha statue and other World War II treasures from a Filipino locksmith.

The suit claimed the Marcoses seized the treasures from Roger Roxas in April, 1971, three months after the locksmith allegedly found the statue, gold bullion, precious stones, jewelry, coins and art works hidden by Japanese occupation forces in 1945.

In turn, the Marcoses hid, sold and invested some of the proceeds from the treasures

valued at \$60 billion, the suit said.

The suit also accused Marcos of imprisoning Roxas for two years and subjecting him to "physical beatings, underwater submersion and the administration of electrical current," to his body.

The suit was filed Friday by Honolulu attorney Ward J. Jones on behalf of Roxas and his Golden Buddha Corp.

Marcos refused to comment on the lawsuit and referred all questions about it to his attorney, John Bartko of San Francisco.

"It's a very old matter that's

been brought up many times before," Bartko said in a telephone interview.

Roxas' claims concerning the golden Buddha have been the subject of legal action in the Philippines and the United States, Bartko said.

Last year, the Golden Buddha Corp. filed a claim with the US government for a portion of the \$7.1 million the Marcoses brought with them when they fled the Philippines to begin their exile in Hawaii in 1986.

The Los Angeles Times quoted Los Angeles attorney Daniel C. Cathcart earlier this week as saying other Honolulu

attorneys dropped the case because of death threats.

"I had one of the most prominent lawyers in the state of Hawaii, and they unanimously decided they'd be jeopardising their personal safety if they took on Mr. Marcos," Cathcart said.

"The term assassination was used. They talked it over with their partners and decided they didn't want to be involved."

Jones said he got the case this week from a Honolulu was firm, but did not know the reason for the transfer.

"To my knowledge, there have been no threats," Jones said.

AP

### Positive response from Singapore on maids

HERE is good news for Filipino women domestic helpers in Singapore.

The Foreign Maids Recruitment Agencies Association of Singapore has assured the Philippine government of its full cooperation in complying with its hiring regulations for domestic helpers.

Amassador Francisco L. Benedicto wired Labour Secretary Franklin M. Drilon that all agencies engaged in the placement of Filipino women will implement the minimum wage of 300 Singapore dollars and have their employers pay for the fare of maids.

Benedicto also said that the membership of the association has increased to more than 50 which is over twice the number prior to the ban of household recruitment starting Feb. 15, 1988.

"The association now represents almost all the active employment agencies which are engaged in the placement of Filipinas," Benedicto said.

Among the matters discussed during the recent meeting with the recruitment agencies were the following:

• A hotline to the labour ministry for maids in distress.

• Closer and formal links between the labour ministry, Philippine labor attaché and the association to coordinate matters.

• Providing pamphlets to maids, advising them on where they can seek assistance in the event of distress and general information on employment matters.

"We have identified several loopholes that need to be plugged to ensure successful continued compliance," Drilon was told by Benedicto.

Benedicto said, however, that the greatest threat to the problems of maid-hiring will come from agencies which are not subject to the association's influence, direct hiring and maids leaving Manila as tourists.

They can circumvent the minimum wage and other provisions of the law," Benedicto said.

"We would like to discuss control measures to plug these loopholes with POEA administrator Tomas Achacoso, as soon as possible," Benedicto said.

"Top on our list is our request that only association members be accorded the privilege of accreditation. Since all the active agencies placing Filipinas are members of our association, there should be no problem in granting such exclusivity," he added.

Benedicto said the announcement of the ban on Filipino domestics world-wide has led to a prepared to insure strict compliance among its members, in coordination with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) and the Philippine embassy.

Filipinos attempted to build their own planes in 1953, but were stalled by lack of support from the private sector and the government.

Indonesia and Singapore have since led in plane manufacturing in Southeast Asia.

Villaruel said a local assembly plant can mass-produce the "Defiant" with the support of the government and private sector.

Shortly after completing the construction of the plane, Villaruel received a message from Dr Stig Lungren, an aviation official in Sweden.

Lungren's congratulatory message read: "Happy to hear that you have started to crawl. Now you are ready to stand up and walk towards unlimited sky."

### Gringo's little lady



Klarina Fatima: one bright spot in Gregorio Honasan's life

graduate's menu for the balance of the morning.

After lunch, Jane, Kookie, and on weekends sons Kim (13, Ateneo), Kit Martin (11, Aquinas), and Karel Paolo (7, Ateneo) as well, come aboard. Wife Jane unloads books and notebooks, all for his autograph plus letters gained, mostly from teachers, asking him to be a guest speaker. He signs the autographs and writes quick notes politely declining speaking engagements.

Odds gifts arrive from time to time, including two cases of brandy (unsolicited but appreciated by men and crew, though he himself is teetotal), and four guitars which he did solicit to form a ship's combo.

Then it's five, the cutter comes to pick up the family, and the RPS "Andres Bonifacio" is once more like an empty stage.

In the gloaming, on ship lying at anchor two miles from shore, introspective with the warning sunset on the bay, Honasan must wonder how Jane manages to cope. For one thing, she has received a one-line, long past, to vacate their quarter at Aguirado by Jan. 15. His own pay envelope has stopped coming since the end of November when he was dropped from the rolls. How must the children be faring with the negative publicity? He misses home.

But sundown on the "Bonifacio" is combo brou. Out come the four gift guitars, and it's scuttlebutt debutant music time.

In the next life, Honasan threatens to join the Navy. For now, with all the uncertainty, the one bright spot in 1987 and 1988 is Kookie. All 10 months of her.

Informational items announced, and a headcount taken.

Honasan has a set course around the 300-foot long ship which he runs every morning at nine, timing himself for speed.

Then he reads a range of books and magazines. Time, Newsweek, Navy manuals, Ninja, Zen, Special Air Service Commandos manuals (in early 1984, in preparation for EDSA '86. 150 RAMboys trained under the ex-SAS mercenaries). "Atrocious Etiquette" — belying his bent for black humor, make up the AIM.

Measures

guard type warship, was sent on a rescue mission to the Dona Paz disaster at Tablas Strait, Honasan took his turn standing four-hour watches. When PF7 (the ship's how number) needed minor repairs, down to Batangas ship and detainee sail.

A day in Honasan's life follows the ship's schedule. At sunrise reveille, the boatswain's pipe (whistle) toots for morning callisthenics.

Muster is called at eight. The men go into formation, plans of the day are read, education and

informational items announced, and a headcount taken.

Honasan has a set course around the 300-foot long ship which he runs every morning at nine, timing himself for speed.

Then he reads a range of books and magazines. Time, Newsweek, Navy manuals, Ninja, Zen, Special Air Service Commandos manuals (in early 1984, in preparation for EDSA '86. 150 RAMboys trained under the ex-SAS mercenaries). "Atrocious Etiquette" — belying his bent for black humor, make up the AIM.

Measures

On the social front, the government had realigned its national budget to increase allocations for basic services like health and education and welfare, and increase salaries for the more than 1.2 million government employees.

It has pursued a programme of reform for rice and corn lands, while congress is still enacting a Comprehensive Agrarian

### Aviation industry set for take-off

## Defying all odds

The Defiant 300, the first locally-made commercial airplane completed a successful maiden flight in the Philippines recently.

### By Jim Gomez

THE country's first locally-made commercial airplane made its maiden flight recently in an event hailed by aviation experts as "a feat that defied all odds."

It's a milestone in the (aviation) industry," Air Transport Secretary Victorino Palpal-latac said as the two-seater, single-engine lightplane took off from the runway of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Capt. Panfilo Villaruel, an aviator who piloted private commercial planes, built the P6-million craft in two years out of local materials except for its American-made, 300 horsepower engine.

Dubbed the "Defiant 300", the plane is made of locally-manufactured plastic, Tangleite and Palospis, and conforms with existing international standards, Villaruel said.

"It's called 'Defiant' because it defied all odds. It defied the Filipinos' lack of confidence in themselves and the quality of their work," Villaruel told reporters. "We have the talents, the

pilots who can spin off a lot of things in the (aviation) industry, but it's ironic they end up doing different jobs."

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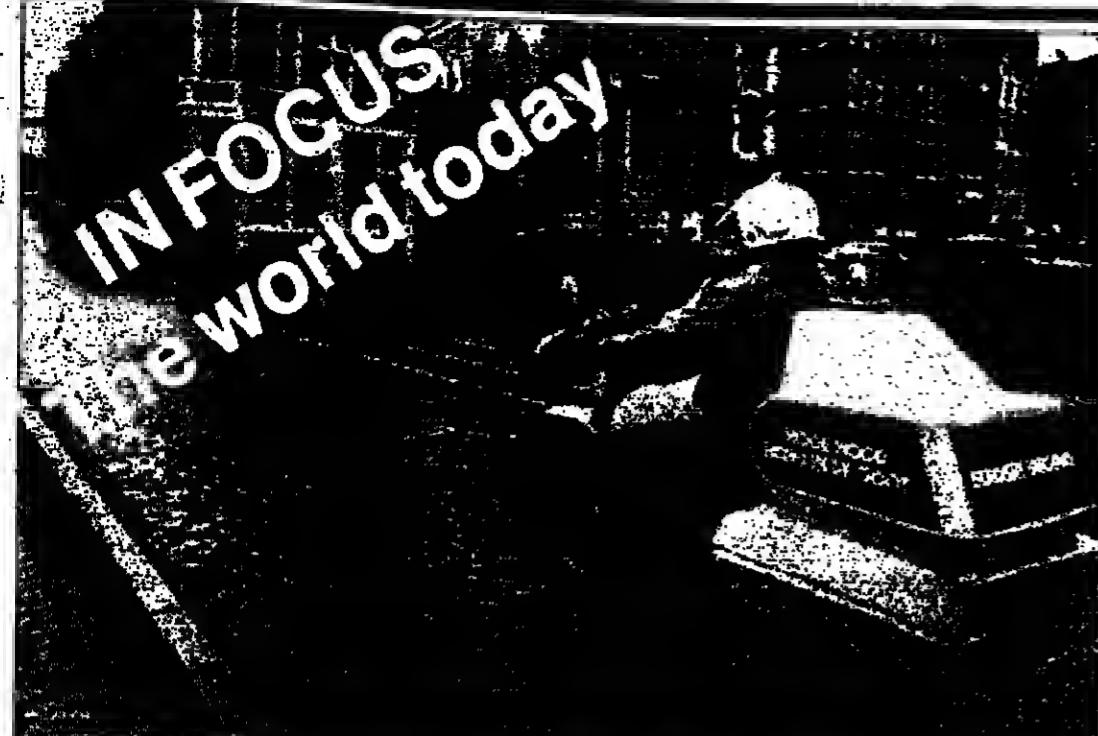
Government and private agencies supported Villaruel in building the "Defiant" which is, so far, the most sophisticated airplane built in the Philippines.

Filipinos attempted to build their own planes in 1953, but were stalled by lack of support from the private sector and the government.

Indonesia and Singapore have since led in plane manufacturing in Southeast Asia.

# INFOCUS

## The world today



AN Amsterdam pooper scooter on its early morning round in the touristic city centre. To fight the increasing problem of dog fouling on the pavement, the city has bought six mobile excrement removers. (Reuter wirephoto)



AN aerial view of a fire which roared through a Manila suburb, killing three people and destroying about 10 million pesos (\$476,000) in property. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher meet after the ending of two days of talks with other Nato leaders in Brussels. (Reuter wirephoto)



A YOUNG Palestinian石抗 anti-rich police in occupied Jerusalem during the Friday prayers. (Reuter wirephoto)



CITY workers clean up barricades left by demonstrators during a calm day in Panama City. Smouldering barricades were the only evidence of the recent conflicts with police. (Reuter wirephoto)



TWO Egyptian workers brush off dust and salt crystals from the cavity which resulted from the detachment of a stone slab from the right shoulder of the Sphinx, a 5,000-year-old monument with the head of a human being and the body of a lion. Restoration of the rock and other cracks will only begin when experts analyse the salt to insure correct procedure. (Reuter wirephoto)



TWO African scientists, who say they have discovered a drug which shows results in the treatment of AIDS, prepare to address an audience in Cairo. They are Ahmed Shefik (left) and Lurhuma Zirimwabagabo. (Reuter wirephoto)



SYLVESTER Stallone took time out from editing his forthcoming film Rambo III to meet one of his biggest fans, National Easter Seal Child Shawn Denstaad, an eight-year-old from New Jersey. (Reuter wirephoto)



SEVERAL hundred members of an extreme right group in Paris denounce the Israeli violence in the occupied territories against Palestinian residents. Their march led them to the offices of the French Human Rights Ministry. (Reuter wirephoto)



A FORMER miner holds a machete during a rally on the streets of La Paz while he chants anti-government slogans. The rally gathered over 1000 miners and started a march to Yungas, a tropical region where they will grow coca plants. (Reuter wirephoto)



U2, the rock group, pose for pictures after they won a Grammy for the best rock performance by a duo or group at the 30th annual Grammy Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, wearing a cowboy hat, lifts Richard Martinez of San Antonio as his mother Veronica Martinez watches, during a campaign tour. (Reuter wirephoto)

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

**'Investment is changing the face of America'**

## Growing foreign investment in US under review

NEW YORK, March 5, (Reuter): A "tidal wave" of foreign investment washing over the United States is quickly eroding the country's economic and political power, according to a new book called "Buying into America."

The husband-and-wife authors, Susan Tolchin, a professor at George Washington University in Washington, and Martin Tolchin, a New York Times reporter based in the US capital, travelled the country and sifted through piles of documents to find the extent of foreign investment in the United States.

They concluded: "Foreign investment is changing the face of America, the lives of Americans and the nature of our political process."

The Tolchins say there has been little objective talk or questioning of foreign investment. The Reagan administration,

they say, welcomes it with open arms.

"We are so greedy for foreign investment we don't care where it comes from," Susan Tolchin said in an interview with Reuters.

"Our policymakers are only looking at the beneficial side and don't want to look at the problems."

"Our political and economic independence is being slowly compromised by all of this," she said. Aside from the drain of profits headed abroad, there are indirect costs to the country, such as the loss of research and development units when a foreign group takes control of a US company.

"With the drop in the dollar, we're now a bargain," she said. The level of investment has grown tenfold in the past decade, and "we expect it to grow even more than that over the next 10 years."

Much of the investment is never reported, the Tolchins say in their book, since US regulations are lax.

They even document the case of a Soviet group that nearly managed secret takeovers of strategically significant California finance companies several years ago. The CIA thwarted them at the last minute.

"We are the most open system in the world in terms of welcoming outside investments," said the author, adding some 50 per cent of foreign ownership is not reported.

Began four years ago, the book's release could hardly have been more timely. The US trade deficit has been viewed as one possible cause of the October stock market crash.

And political debate has been charge by the trade issue — most noticeably in the strong presidential run of congressman

Richard Gephardt, a Missouri Democrat who has made trade restriction a centrepiece of his bid for his party's nomination.

Not surprisingly, the book has caused controversy. The Wall Street Journal said the Tolchins were "fueling foreign investment fear" with their book.

### Disagreed

Business Week magazine disagreed with some conclusions of the book but applauded the Tolchins for adding understanding of a problem that is "one of the most emotional yet poorly understood economic issues facing us".

Officially, the Tolchins found, foreign investment in the United States is put at about 1.3 trillion (\$1,300 billion). But investors from abroad may own \$2 trillion or more in American assets, said Susan Tolchin.

The United States should follow the example of its trading

partners and look more closely at how the flow of investment capital affects the flow of trade. But instead, "we tend to look at foreign trade and foreign investment as separate."

"We have to talk about what's happening — it's the biggest shift in capital in the history of the world. And we're not paying much attention to it. It's just coming to the tip of the American consciousness," she said.

Politicians have taken a shortsighted view of the problem, worrying most about bolstering local economies, and, sometimes, their own political careers, she said.

"Senators have told us that they can no longer take an independent position on trade legislation because of the power of foreign investors in their home districts," said Tolchin. "And in order to get jobs, mayors and governors are circling the globe

looking for foreign investors."

In their book, the Tolchins paint a picture of these representatives from "main street America" being taken for a ride.

### Eagerly

"They're great compromisers" in the effort to help constituents, she said. While states and cities eagerly compete to offer the best incentives such as tax cuts and free land to get new plants and business, they are giving up valuable revenues and strategic advantages in the long run.

The Tolchins call this cut-throat competition for foreign business dollars "economic fratricide."

The bottom line, she said, is that they are coming to America not to lend the cities and states a helping hand but "to acquire vital technology, to beat out the competition and to corner US markets."

## World Business Summary

### US employment gain may signal higher rates

WASHINGTON, March 5, (Reuter): A government report showing a surprising employment surge reflects a healthy US economy but could also signal increases in interest rates and the country's trade deficit, economists said. The US civilian unemployment rate fell from 5.8 per cent in January to a seasonally adjusted 5.7 per cent in February, its lowest level since July 1979, as 531,000 non-farm jobs were created, the Labour Department said yesterday. Most of the job growth was in construction, retail sales and business and health services, which include many high-paying white collar jobs, the Department said. But in manufacturing, which has already expanded payrolls in recent months as factories geared up to meet growing foreign demand for American goods made cheaper by a weaker dollar, there was a meagre 20,000-job increase last month, it said.

While the report helps to snuff out lingering warnings that last year's stock market crash would push the US economy into a recession this year, economists said it has worrisome aspects as well. They said the report does not bode well for the nation's stubbornly high trade deficit, which reached a record \$171.22 billion last year, but has been improving in recent months. The increase in service jobs, especially in retailing, shows that American consumers may still be on their spending binge, meaning import demand will remain strong, while the still rise in jobs in the export-sensitive manufacturing area shows disappointing foreign demand for US products, they said.

"Obviously, we didn't have a lot of increase in exports, or we would have had more of an increase in manufacturing jobs," said Donald Ratajczak, director of economic forecasting at Georgia State University. "It probably will pull in some imports and I guess our trade balance is going to deteriorate," Ratajczak said.

### US Congress forecasts higher deficit for 1989

WASHINGTON, March 5, (Xinhua): The US congressional budget office said yesterday the federal deficit will rise from \$157 billion in fiscal 1988 to \$165 billion in fiscal 1989, \$35 billion higher than the White House estimates. Acting director of the congressional agency James Blum said in the Senate Appropriations Committee that the administration is more optimistic about the US economy and that its forecasting is based on high economic growth assumptions. Blum said the congressional budget office "foresees less rapid real growth, higher inflation and higher interest rates." The agency's predictions are more in line with private forecasts. The White House predicts deficits of \$146.7 billion for fiscal 1988 and \$129.5 billion next fiscal year. While the congressional budget office forecasts that the US economy will grow by 1.8 per cent this year and by 2.6 per cent next year, the Reagan administration assumes real economic growth of 2.4 per cent in 1988 and 3.5 per cent in 1989.

The House said Senate Budget Committee will soon begin drafting the government's spending programme. However, they are not expected to do more deficit cutting this year than President Ronald Reagan had proposed in this budget to Congress. His plan should have embodied the guidelines of a prior deficit-reducing compromise between the White House and Congress.

The US press suggested that with the enormous budget deficits, the US federal debt would grow from \$1 trillion to nearly \$2.3 trillion during Reagan's eight years of office.

### Singapore economy growing

HONG KONG, March 5, (Xinhua): Most of Singapore's major economic sectors grew creditably last year with manufacturing and transport and communications providing the impetus, according to a Singapore government survey as quoted by an Oana-Bernama report. The annual economic survey released last week by the Singapore trade and industry ministry said the growth was also largely supported by sectors like commerce, finance and business services, the Oana-Bernama report said. The survey said overall growth of the Singapore economy reached 8.8 per cent last year, against 1.8 per cent in 1986. Total exports of goods and services increased by 11 per cent, mainly electrical and electronic products, data processing machines, television and radio sets as well as telecommunication equipment. It said total investment commitments in Singapore last year grew by 21 per cent over 1986, heavily concentrated in the electronic industry. There were also substantial investments in supporting industries like plastic mouldings, precision tools and dyes and fabricated metal products, it added. For the second consecutive year, Japan emerged as Singapore's largest foreign investor country in 1987, accounting for 34 per cent of total foreign commitments, an increase of 22 per cent. It was followed by the United States with 31 per cent of the total, up 23 per cent. The survey said the level of investments from Europe also grew sharply by 31 per cent, mainly for the manufacture of electronic components, computers and office equipment.

Broad-based economic expansion in Singapore also generated a net increase of 66,000 jobs in 1987, compared with 11,000 in 1986, the survey said.

### UK jobless rate drops again

LONDON, (LPS): Unemployment in Britain is now at its lowest level for nearly six years. The employment department has assured figures — revised to take account of the 1987 labour force survey — which show that the seasonally adjusted total of people out of work and claiming benefit fell for the 13th successive month in January to stand at 2,563,100. The fall between December and January was 50,800. Officials said this was in line with the trend of the last six months. Over the last year there has been a fall of 549,100, the largest annual decrease on record. The actual or headline jobless total was 2,722,154 in January, a rise of 26,344 but well under the normal level of increases for this time of year. It was the smallest January rise for 15 years. Over the past year this unadjusted total has fallen by a record 575,082.

Once again all regions have benefited from the improving job situation, with the West Midlands, Wales, the North West and the north doing particularly well. The unemployment rate is down from 11.2 per cent a year ago to 9.2 per cent, the lowest level since November 1981. Although vacancies notified to jobcentres fell back in January, they are 18 per cent up on a year ago at 249,500. The blot on the labour market landscape, as far as Employment Secretary Norman Fowler was concerned, was the acceleration in average earnings inflation by a quarter point each month since September. He said last week: "the welcome news this month is the rate of earnings growth of 8.5 per cent (in December). Some of this increase is due to higher overtime and bonus payments, but earnings growth at this level — more than twice the rate of price increases — reflects excessive pay settlements." It is not yet clear which factor is having the greatest influence. Bonus payments in December were 15 per cent higher than in December 1986, and overtime, although slightly down on the peak level of October was still high in the pre-Christmas boom at 13.4 million hours a week.

### Australia keen to invest more in China

CANBERRA, March 5, (Xinhua): Australia would like to see more investment in projects within China. Australian Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce, Senator John Button said here yesterday. Button is going to lead a delegation in Beijing to attend the second meeting of the Australia-China Joint Ministerial Economic Commission (JMEC) to be held there next week. The two nations currently have 15 joint ventures in China but there is further room for business to enter joint ventures, the minister added. The JMEC was established in 1986. The JMEC meetings are intended to foster trade, investment and other forms of economic cooperation between the two countries. The minister remarked, "many people would be surprised to know Australia and China trade over 1.1 billion Australian dollars (\$1.5 billion) worth of goods last year."

## Tunisia to expand industry

TUNISIA will use a \$28 million World Bank loan to further develop its small- and medium-scale industries. The project is part of the country's overall effort to foster industrial entrepreneurship and to generate employment in economically sound projects at a relatively low cost.

The project also builds on the successful completion of two earlier projects in the sector and includes a line of credit of \$27.5 million divided among three commercial banks (Banque de Tunisie, Banque du Sud and Societe Tunisienne de Banque) and two development banks (Banque de Development Economique de Tunisie and Banque de Tunisie des Emirats d'Investissement).

Technical assistance will be provided to industries to help them design investment projects and resolve managerial and technical problems.

The project appraisal and supervision capacity of the participating banks will be improved.

Small- and medium-scale industries represent about 85 per cent of all manufacturing enterprises in Tunisia and employ about 65 per cent of the labour force in the manufacturing sector.

True, people felt that prices were big, but the summer correction seemed to have taken care of that and very, very few people indeed expected a crash of such gigantic proportions.

So how did it happen? In New York, at least, one of the major villains was a financial piece of sleight of hand known as portfolio insurance.

This system was mainly applied to huge blocks of stockholdings of pension funds and mutual funds totalling more than \$60 billion. Using computers, the portfolio insurance system meant that pension fund managers

## How the international financial structure survived the shock

By Midas

ONLY now, four and a half months since Black Monday, has a really clear picture emerged of what exactly went wrong on the world's stock exchanges last October. It's a strange tale, in some respects not as serious as everyone thought at first, but in other ways even more terrifying.

To take the first point first. It now seems unlikely that the world is on the brink of a major Depression, and some of the blackest predictions of a 1929-style collapse of the financial system as a whole now seem rather overdone.

Nevertheless, it is undeniable that the world came unacceptably close to disaster and the pressing need to discover exactly how and why it happened with such unexpected violence has led to several reports on the exact events of last October.

On the Friday before Black Monday, the funds using portfolio insurance systems sold \$2 billion worth of stock in New York, but their computers were bungled onto the market, there simply wouldn't be anyone to buy them, therefore the price would more or less go into free fall.

If nobody wants to buy a share, what's its price? The only way out is to keep dropping the price until someone is tempted to buy. In the crash, several companies found that there was no level at which the buyers were tempted at all, so they stopped trading.

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the lower prices after Monday's crash presented excellent bargains, so they started buying. Others felt that things were only going to get worse and so kept on selling.

The resulting gyrations drove the market makers to the brink of collapse.

### Agony

Another aspect of the market's agony was the fact that the futures markets were all predicting lower prices for the future. Nobody wants to buy at 100 when the futures markets say the price will only be 75 in three months time. Thus, the futures market dragged the stock exchange down with it, each fuelling the other's pessimism in a self-fulfilling prophecy of doom.

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### Investors

What now? Having come so close to the abyss, the majority of investors are naturally nervous of exposing themselves to it again.

Although prices have recovered somewhat from the depths, volume is still light as the majority of investors prefer to stay out of the markets. The question now is whether the stock exchanges of the world can be relied upon to take the necessary steps to prevent the October debacle from happening again, or if government legislation is required to force them to do so.

Baker, by contrast, firmly believes creditors and debtors must tackle the debt problem themselves and not turn it over to governments.

"Wedon't think that has much merit," Baker said of Robinson's idea. "It puts the solution squarely on the backs of taxpayers in the creditor countries. They would have to fund the facility in the initial instance."

Baker said there was no alternative to the established US strategy of helping countries to grow out from under their debt by offering new money to those that are willing to undertake market-oriented economic reforms.

The idea that somehow there's some big magic bullet, global solution out there to the debt problem is a distinct mirage," he said.

But the Finance Ministry announced on Thursday it had received only \$6.7 billion in bids and had accepted only 3.67

billion of them at an average discount of 30 per cent.

As a result, once Mexico has issued the new bonds, the nation's debt will be pared by only \$1.1 billion.

Baker, who had encouraged the auction because of its voluntary, market-oriented nature, disagreed that the results were disappointing. He said the swap had never been intended as a cure-all for the debt crisis.

"I, for one, would not be so quick to condemn it as a failure. I think at the very least it will serve as an additional menu item that we can utilise in the future," he said.

Venezuela and Chile are already exploring similar transactions, while Brazil, the Third World's largest debtor owing \$113 billion, has also expressed interest, bankers say.

employment to increase by maybe 150,000 or 200,000 were confronted instead with an increase of \$31,000.

One of the few notable soft spots in the business world has been retail sales. However, economists note that consumer spending had started to flatten out several months before stocks nose-dived.

And even in this sector of the economy there have been some signs of unexpected strength, such as the report on Thursday of a 2.4 per cent increase in domestic car sales in late February.

Stock traders have taken due note of all this, bidding prices up to a post-crash high as recently as last Monday.

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### Agreement

James Baker, Secretary of the Treasury, said the employment data effectively validated the course the Fed has been steering, and added that he was in "fundamental agreement" with the Central Bank's current policy.

The latest data on the employment situation met with a chilly reception in the bond market, prompting traders to conclude that the chances of any further easing in the Federal Reserve's credit policy have been greatly diminished.

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What we have to do is find the elements of a capital market which can be used to the benefit of the country," he said, adding that China had "dared" to suggest that two systems were possible within one country.

Hungary must get used to the idea that economic development would lead to some people getting rich, and should not be put off by the opportunities for dishonesty offered by stock exchanges.

"I think it is better to put 15,000 people in jail for their dishonesty than to stop progress,"

Local market offers 'greater opportunities'

## US businessmen in Kuwait talks

By Jadranka Porter

ENCOURAGED by their reception in Kuwait, representatives of the American food and agriculture industry currently visiting the country have expressed hope that their visit may result in a greater variety of the US foodstuffs appearing in the local market.

A nineteen-member delegation, the largest of its kind to visit Kuwait, met yesterday with the representatives of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry and some of the prominent food importers.

They displayed their products which range from honey to hot sauce and include some not so well-known items such as pecan and sunflower nuts, nutritious snack food, food equipment, malt beverages and dried mushrooms.

The manufacturers of these unconventional products are believed to stand a better chance of making faster inroads into the local market.

## Opportunities

"This market offers greater opportunities than I thought," said Bob Davis of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. "But this is also a very competitive market. You have to come with something original and carve a niche for yourself."

The American businessmen arrived from Bahrain where they took part in the Middle East Food Exhibition where many of



A member of the US delegation showing some agricultural products to American Ambassador Nathaniel Howell (left).

them had in excess of 50 inquiries.

At Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry the businessmen were briefed on local import and customs regulations and on joint venture requirements. Most liked what they heard.

There are advantages in doing business here. There is no tax and we were told that those

who plan to set up a new industry may be eligible for free land and are entitled to reduced power charges," said Davis.

## Prices

Welcoming the delegation, the US Ambassador to Kuwait, Nathaniel Howell, pointed out that the market in Kuwait was good, the prices were competitive as well as in manufacturing and service industries.

favourable. Despite the tension in the area "life goes on and commerce goes on," said Howell. "What we lack is people like you to push American products and services," he added. Howell felt the local market could accommodate a greater American presence in agricultural products from the nine and 12-month period.

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Trade was minimal — a normal trend during the European weekend — and focussed on short-term funds as banks covered positions. Tomorrow next traded at 6/1/2 and 6/1/4 per cent.

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The spot riyal was steady at 3.7501/04 to the dollar after similar quotes on Thursday. Gulf markets are closed during the Muslim Friday weekend.

## Maraven boosts oil exports

CARACAS, March 5. (Opecna): The Maraven oil company of Venezuela increased its 1987 oil exports by more than two per cent.

Last year Maraven exported an average of 450,000 bpd of crude, an increase of about 8,000 bpd over 1986.

Maraven, an affiliate of Petrolens de Venezuela (PDVSA), the state oil company, said that the improved performance of the company was due to infrastructural reforms, including an increase in its tanker fleet capacity through the acquisition of new and rented vessels and a better telecommunication system.

## Kuwait dinar deposit rates steady in quiet trading

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were steady yesterday in quiet trading.

Dealers said the announcement of a 90 million dinar three-month treasury bill issue on Wednesday had little immediate effect on the market and there were few new deals.

Liquidity has been boosted recently by maturing treasury bills and unmet demand for new issues.

Bonds for 120 million dinars are also due to be issued on Wednesday, but the amount of new bonds and bills will be less than then 228 million dinars in bills that mature in that day.

Overnight and tomorrow next were offered at Thursday's 1/2 percent level while spot next was offered at one per cent and the one-week quoted four, three per cent.

## Unchanged

The fixed periods were virtually unchanged at 4-1/4, four per cent for the nine-month, 4-5/8, 3/8 per cent for the three-month, five, 4-5/8 per cent for the six-month and five, 4-3/4 per cent for the nine and 12-month.

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K.R.E.B.	0.400	0.410	0.410	0.410	10000	1	ARAB CHEMICAL OTER	4.52 4.35
BURGAN BANK	0.255	0.260	0.260	0.260	10000	1	ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.47 1.48
K.F.HOUSE	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.485	50000	3	ARAB INSURANCE	1.00 1.00
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COM.FACILITIES	0.425	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	ARAB PAPER CON/TD	0.34 0.35
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Maleeva and Hanika reach semifinals

WICHITA, Kansas, March 5. (Reuter): Top seeded Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria needed over and a half hours before turning back the challenge of Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia yesterday in the quarterfinal round of the \$100,000 Kansas Women's Tennis Tournament.

The sixth seeded Novotna ripped big serves and forehand shots at Manuela but in the end Maleeva, world eighth, defeated Novotna 6-3 7-5.

"At the one point, I thought it was almost over," said Maleeva. "At 3-2 in the third set I had a very long game. But I hung in there. This proves to me that I'm a fighter," she said.

Maleeva's accurate passing shots at one point were upstaged by blistering forehand returns from the 19-year-old Novotna, who is ranked No. 30, in the world.

Novotna lost service at 4-4 in the third set, which started her downfall.

#### Rallied

"I was at 4-5 and I missed it. That's the difference in the top 10 players and the top 30," she said.

The victory puts Maleeva into the semifinals against Svetlana Parkhomenko of the Soviet Union, a 7-5 4-6 6-2 winner over compatriot Natalia Bykova.

Third seed Sylvia Hanika of West Germany rallied to eliminate American Peanut Louie Harper, 2-6 7-6 (7-4) 6-3.

Hanika had lost the first and was down 1-5 in the second when Harper began to falter.

Given a reprieve, Hanika began to charge the net and took control of the match.

The 28-year-old Hanika said: "She had not come from so far back to win since her days in junior tennis."

Hester Witsoet of the Netherlands posted a 6-4 6-4 triumph over Pascale Paradis of France and will meet Hanika in the other semifinal match.

#### African sports body in boycott call over Budd

YAO NING, March 5. (Reuter): African sports authorities called for a boycott of this month's World Cross-country Championships in New Zealand if South African-born runner Zola Budd is included in the British team.

Lamine Ba, secretary-general of the Yaounde-based Supreme Council for Sports in Africa, told Reuters yesterday that he regretted such a decision but it was a question of holding "the dignity of Africa and of mankind."

Ba said of the boycott call: "We are not boycotting for the pleasure of boycotting, because this deprives our athletes of a chance to compete with other athletes."

"But our decision will become effective when all possibilities of avoiding it have been exhausted," he added.

Ba said the Supreme Council had written a letter to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on February 25 asking her to discourage the participation by Budd "with a passport convenience" in the World Championships in Auckland on March 26.

The letter was conveyed through the British ambassador in Cameroon, where Ba's council has its headquarters.

Ba added that member countries of the Supreme Council due to take part in the championships had been asked by telecon on the same day to stay at home if Budd participated in New Zealand.

Budd, 21, received a British passport in 1984 less than two weeks after arriving in England for the first time and represented Britain in the Los Angeles Olympic Games. She won the women's world cross-country title in 1983 and 1986 but did not compete last year because of injury.

She told British athletics chiefs in London this week she had severed ties with South Africa, whose apartheid race policies have led to it being banned from major international sports events.

Meanwhile, senior members of the Zambia Amateur Athletics Association, in interviews published by local newspapers today, said the association had written to the organisers of the competition asking them to confirm whether or not Budd, who has taken British nationality, would participate.

If Zola Budd is participating, then Zambia will not send a team, association secretary Godfrey Mwanza told the Times of Zambia.

Mwanza said, Budd's British citizenship was "cosmetic" and if Zambian athletes ran alongside her in the events this would be tantamount to Zambia condoning South Africa's apartheid system.

The association's vice-chairman, John Mufali, told the Zambia Daily Mail that the association considered Budd to be South African.

#### BECKER AND CASH GAIN SEMIFINALS

## Sanchez surprises Mecir

INDIAN WELLS, California, March 5. (AP): Eighth-seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain upset second-seeded Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia 2-6, 6-0, 6-3 yesterday in the quarterfinals of the \$702,500 Champions Cup tennis tournament.

Third-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany stopped Johan Kriek of South Africa, 6-3, 6-4; fourth-seeded Pat Cash of Australia stopped 11th-seeded Amos Mansdorf, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; and seventh-seed Andre Agassi of the United States beat No. 15 Mikael Pernfors of Sweden, 6-4, 6-2.

#### Forced

In today's semifinals, Becker was to play Agassi and Cash was to face Sanchez.

Stefan Edberg of Sweden, the No. 1 seed who was upset Thursday, was forced to pull out of doubles play because of the flu. Under his doctor's advice he will not play in next week's Nabisco Grand Prix at Orlando, Florida, officials said.

Edberg and Cash had to forfeit their doubles match to Becker and Guy Forget of France.

After Sanchez swept Mecir in the second set, he then won the first five games of the third set for 11 straight. Mecir then won three



Cash: overcame Mansdorf

straight games before Sanchez won the final game with an ace.

Losing the three straight "was very difficult," Sanchez said. "I knew I had another serve. I was no

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**SPORTS**

Jahangir and Jansher post easy wins

MADRID, March 5. (Reuter): Jansher Khan and Jahangir Khan displayed their squash supremacy as they posted semifinal wins in the Spanish Open today to set up the prospect of an exciting final.

The two rivals from Pakistan both disposed of their opponents almost effortlessly in straight games.

World champion and number one Jansher played superbly to beat former world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand 9-19, 5-9, 1 in 40 minutes.

Norman, who has taken five games off Jansher in their three previous meetings, never got close as the 18-year-old champion played solid accurate shots and forced mistakes.

Former king of squash Jahangir, who was toppled from his top spot at the turn of the year, wiped out sixth seed Chris Robertson of Australia in just 25 minutes, 9-2, 9-1, 9-0.

Jahangir controlled play from the start and had Robertson running all over the court and the Australian hit several shots into the tin in the first game.

**Showdown**

Jahangir then served two aces and Robertson lost his rhythm. From then on, he just could not get a shot right.

Tomorrow's showdown promises much in the world semifinals in October. Jansher beat Jahangir in four games.

Yesterday Jansher had to work harder than usual for his 9-3, 9-6, 9-4 quartetial success over Rodney Martin.

The Australian produced some fine volleys, but threw away his chances by hitting the tin with 14 shots in the last two games.

Jahangir yesterday surprisingly dropped a game in a hard, fast match against Del Harris of Britain before reaching the semifinals with a 9-1, 9-0, 9-9, 5.

Jahangir lost concentration after taking the first two games in less than 10 minutes each and hit five shots into the tin in the third as the 18-year-old Briton produced some brilliant shots just above it.

Harris went ahead 5-4 in the fourth game before Jahangir reassured himself.

## Biasion set to win in Portugal

TOMAR, Portugal, March 5. (Reuter): Massimo Biasion of Italy was poised for victory in the Portuguese Rally today after he tightened his grip on the lead in the first section of the fourth and final leg.

Driving a Lancia Integrale, the Italian, went into the last two special stages with a lead of eight minutes 29 seconds over nearest rival Alessandro Fiorio of Italy in a Lancia Delta.

Barring last-minute technical problems, Biasion's win — his first in the Portuguese race — was certain and attention focused on the exciting fight for second place between Fiorio and his works team-mate Yves Loubet of France, separated by just 13 seconds.

Leading standings after the first section of the fourth and final leg (provisional times):

1. Massimo Biasion (Italy) Lancia Integrale six hours 24 mins 19 secs; 2. Alessandro Fiorio (Italy) Lancia Delta, 6:32:48; 3. Yves Loubet (France) Lancia Delta, 6:33:01; 4. Hannu Mikkola (Finland) Mitsubishi, 6:33:10; 5. Peter Solberg (Sweden) Ford Sierra, 6:36:13; 6. Markku Alen (Finland) Lancia Integrale, 6:37:26; 7. Erwin Weber (West Germany) Golf GTI, 6:47:35; 8. Inacio Amaral (Portugal) Renault 11, 6:50:41; 9. Carlos Bica (Portugal) Lancia Delta, 6:56:45; 10. Jorge Recalde (Argentina) Lancia Integrale, 6:59:03.

**England need 130 runs to avoid follow-on**

WELLINGTON, March 5. (Reuter): England were fighting to avoid the follow-on on the third day of the third Test today after notching up 183 for two wickets in reply to New Zealand's 512 for six declared.

On a pitch where only eight wickets have fallen in three days a draw looked the most likely result, but England still need another 130 to avoid the follow-on.

**Assistance**

The pitch was showing no sign of undue wear and gave the spin bowlers only moderate assistance.

After a fighting opening partnership of 129, England lost two quick wickets, but regrouped in an unbroken third wicket stand of 51 to leave them in relative safety. Martyn Moxon on 81 and Mike Gatting on 33 were not out.

Chris Broad and Moxon gave England a splendid start, punished the fast bowling of Danny Morrison and played the spin-

## UNITED SUFFER SURPRISE DEFEAT AGAINST NORWICH

# Liverpool edge QPR to home in on Leeds' record

LONDON, March 5. (Reuter): Liverpool, whose only challenge to their supremacy has come from the ghosts of champions past, moved within one game of Leeds United's 14-year-old English First Division record today.

A 1-0 victory at Queen's Park Rangers, John Barnes scoring after 36 minutes, took Liverpool's unbeaten League run since the opening Saturday last August to 28 games, one short of Leeds' unsurpassed start to the 1973-74 season.

With a 17-point lead over second-placed Manchester United, plus the added cushion of two games in hand, Liverpool can be expected to complete their 10th championship triumph in 16 years some time before the end of the campaign on May 7.

United fell 1-0 at Norwich, Robert Fleck scoring the only goal in the 76th minute, and third-placed Nottingham Forest remained a distant 20 points in arrears after a single goal victory at Sheffield Wednesday, courtesy of England midfielder Neil Webb.

While such dominance may be bad for the game as a whole, it at least encourages the romantic notion that Liverpool could go through the entire league season undefeated.

With Manchester United stumbling to another surprise defeat, Brian Clough's young Forest side remained the likeliest

Having amassed 72 points from 28 games, Liverpool are quoted at 5-2 by London bookmakers to survive the remaining 12 matches with their unbeaten run intact — a possibility which can even bring a smile of pleasure to the face of player-manager Kenny Dalglish.

"The novelty of winning never wears off with us," he said. "No one has been blase about winning since I joined the club and I doubt if anyone ever was before then."

Liverpool have a well-puliced distrust of Queen's Park Rangers' artificial pitch and it took them 30 minutes to adjust to the high bounce provided by the plastic surface.

But their command became increasingly apparent and they moved in front when England colleagues Peter Beardsley and Barnes combined to typically deadly effect.

Beardsley wriggled clear on the edge of the penalty area, slipped the ball to Craig Johnston — a late replacement for the injured John Aldridge — and when QPR goalkeeper David Seaman parried the Australian's shot, Barnes pounced to prod the ball into the empty net.

With Manchester United looking runners-up after a typically efficient win at Sheffield Wednesday.

Webb struck the only goal with a crisp low cross shot after 14 minutes and thereafter Forest



McCoist scored for Rangers

looking runners-up after a typically efficient win at Sheffield Wednesday.

Glasgow rivals Celtic and Rangers continued their dog-fight at the top of the Scottish

Premier League with smooth wins against moderate opposition.

League leaders Celtic beat Falkirk 2-0 with goals from Andy Walker and Mark McGhee, while Rangers, beaten 2-0 by Steaua Bucharest in the European Cup in midweek, gained some consolation against Dunfermline.

Returning to the scene of their shock Scottish Cup exit two weeks ago, Rangers won 3-0 with goals from Ally McCoist — who underwent a cartilage operation just 11 days ago — former Aston Villa striker Mark Walters and Scotland defender Richard Gough.

With nine games remaining, Celtic enjoy a six-point advantage.

### Results

English Division One		
Coventry	3	Chester
Derby	1	Charlton
Everton	1	Newcastle
Norwich	1	Manchester U
QPR	1	Sheffield U
Southend Wed	0	Not Forest
Watford	0	Southampton
West Ham	1	Oxford
Wimbledon	2	Luton

Playing tomorrow: Arsenal v Tottenham

### Scottish Premier Division

Postponed: Motherwell v Hearts

Scotland Division One

Arbroath

Burnemouth

Birds

Cardiff

Derby

Dundee

Dunfermline

Falkirk

Glasgow

Hibernian

St Mirren

Aberdeen

Rangers

Scots Div Two

Arbroath

Alloa

Angus

Blantyre

Bray

Clydebank

Forfar

Hamilton

Queens S

Kilmarnock

Raith

Stirling

Alloa

Postponed: Brechin v Montrose

Scottish Div Three

Arbroath

Blantyre

Bray

Clydebank

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Hamilton

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Raith

Stirling

Alloa

Postponed: Brechin v Montrose

Scottish Div Four

Arbroath

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Scottish Div Five

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